

A bill to amend the caption and 1st section of an act relating to forfeitures was read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The report of Finance Committee adversely to a bill to establish a Board of Commerce and Manufactures was adopted [by a vote of 20 to 3. Source: *Tri-Weekly Telegraph* (Houston), December 7, 1863].

A bill to provide for the protection of the frontier was read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The report of Committee on State Affairs adversely to the memorial of James Browne was adopted.

A bill to incorporate the Texas Manufacturing Company was read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to amend Article 960 of the Code of Criminal Procedure was read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to incorporate the Bastrop Iron Company was read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of J. M. Bound's Company was read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill for relief of William B. Burns was read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Hartley introduced a bill to establish the salaries of members of the Military Board. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.<sup>21</sup>

The Senate then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Senate Chamber, Saturday, December 5, 1863  
9 o'clock A. M.

Senate met, prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

The Committee on State Affairs recommended the

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<sup>21</sup>The report of the Judiciary Committee is as follows:

Hon. F. S. Stockdale—Pres. Senate:

The Committee on the Judiciary have had the bill to be entitled an act to establish the salary of the members of the Military Board under consideration.

The committee are of opinion that the passage of other bills has rendered this unnecessary and I am directed to report it back to the Senate and recommend that it do not pass.

Spencer Ford  
One of Committee

passage of the following bills:

A bill to encourage the erection of certain machinery.

A bill to prevent the sale of liquors near the town of Dallas.

The Judiciary Committee recommended the passage of the following bills:

A bill to amend an act organizing County Courts.

A bill to validate the official acts of Joseph Wallis.

A bill to provide for the organization of McMullen County.

A bill to amend the 58th section of an act to regulate proceedings in County Courts.

Reported adversely to a bill to amend the 23rd section of an act to organize District Courts.

The Committee on Education recommended the passage of a bill to incorporate Parsons Female Seminary.

Mr. Shepard introduced a bill in relation to the heirs of W. J. Mills. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

The resolution to adjourn *sine die* on 16th December was adopted.

The Committee on Military Affairs presented a bill for the relief of the Tonkawa Indians. Read 1st time, rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Finance Committee recommended the passage of a bill to prohibit the retail of liquor near Round Rock.

The Committee on Penitentiary reported adversely to a bill to amend the 3rd part of the Penal Code.

A bill to regulate distilleries and to repeal the law authorizing licenses therefor having been discussed on its 2nd reading was ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A joint resolution to authorize the Military Board to manufacture salt was ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote adopting report of Finance Committee adversely to a bill to create a Board of Commerce and Manufactures was made, whereupon the Senate adjourned until Monday 9 o'clock A. M.